

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-46 Canceled

47. (Original) A method for forming a magnetic port in a first hollow body located within a patient, the first hollow body having a lumen, the method comprising steps of:

(a) forming an opening in a wall of the first hollow body, the opening extending into the lumen of the first hollow body;

(b) providing a first securing component capable of producing a magnetic field and having an opening adapted to be placed in communication with the opening in the wall of the first hollow body; and

(c) coupling the first securing component to the first hollow body by a mechanical attachment to form a magnetic port in the first hollow body.

48. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the first securing component is coupled to the first hollow body solely by a mechanical attachment.

49. (Original) The method of claim 47, further comprising the steps of providing a second securing component capable of producing or being attracted by a magnetic field, joining the second securing component to a second hollow body, and coupling the second securing component to the magnetic port created according to step (c) to form an end-to-side anastomosis between the first and second hollow bodies.